

ENGINEERS ASSAIL U. S. TECH. SCHOOLS AS RUDIMENTARY

98 to 99 Per Cent of Graduates Lack Fundamentals, Convention Told.

Ninety-eight to ninety-nine per cent. of graduates in electrical engineering from American institutions do not understand in a thorough fashion fundamentals of the subject.

"Accomplished theoretical engineers and research laboratorians have either received all their education or pursued post-graduate courses at European universities."

"There is no first-class engineering school to be found in America."

"There seems to be a tendency to organize certain colleges on the factory organization idea of quantity production."

Prof. Comfort A. Adams of Harvard, are some of the names linked with the opinions.

Seasions of the convention to-day were devoted to forums on engineering education in observance of "Education Week," proclaimed by President Harding. The existence of "quantity production," Prof. Christie said, left no room for character building. This condition he ascribed to the ever increasing enrollment and the overworked and underpaid instruction staffs.

"The new national policy on engineering education," he said, "requires greater financial support for the colleges. Greater emphasis must be given in instruction during the four-year undergraduate period to fundamental courses, leaving special professional training to graduate schools and adequate provision made for their proper support both by Government agencies, by private endowment and by the industries. Scholarships should be provided by the State, by industries or by the profession which will enable eligible undergraduates from all colleges to continue their work in the graduate schools."

Mr. Pratt deplored the too early specialization in technical studies at colleges and insisted upon a greater emphasis upon the cultural subjects. For the first time members of the society's student branches attended, 53 institutions and more than 3,000 students being represented.

How the American forces overseas were supplied with 30,000,000 high explosive shells by wartime inventions of an immigrant workman was revealed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers with the announcement that the gold medal of

the society had been awarded to Hjalmar G. Carlson of Worcester, Mass. Dean Dexter S. Kimball of the College of Engineering, Cornell University, was elected President of the society, succeeding Edwin S. Carman of Cleveland.

Carlson, according to the official statement, won the prize for "his invention making possible the production of 30,000,000 drawn steel-boosters, used principally as a component of 15 mm. high explosive shells, and also extensively in gas shells and bombs as an aid to victory in the World War."

Dr. Ira J. Hollis, President of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, declared the War Department was at its wits' end when Carlson solved the problem, and that the invention "relieved the department of a possible scandal in the manufacture of ammunition for the other side worse than any we have ever had."

The Army Ordnance Department, Dr. Hollis said, had characterized Carlson's invention as of the very greatest importance in enabling the military authorities to secure adequate artillery ammunition for the American Expeditionary Forces.

George I. Rockwood of Worcester, received the certificate of award for Carlson, who is said to be seriously ill. Mr. Rockwood lauded Carlson as one of the Nation's great inventors. Other officers elected were: Vice Presidents, Col. Edward A. Deeds of Dayton, Robert Sibley of San Francisco, and Louis E. Strothman of Milwaukee; Managers, Sherwood F. Jeter, Hartford, Moraco P. Liversidge, Philadelphia, Hollis P. Porter, Tulsa, Okla.; Walter S. Pinney, New York, Treasurer; William H. Wiley, New York, Secretary; Calvin W. Rice, New York.

The society set in motion two important movements, one looking to world engineering unity and the other to remedy what the engineers declare are deplorable conditions in the United States Patent Office, menacing American industry and invention.

NO CHARGE BY WIFE IN KRAFT DIVORCE

Correction of Error Is Here Published in Fairness to All Concerned.

The announcement was made in The Evening World yesterday that William D. Kraft of Bronxville had been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from his wife, Louise F. Kraft. As a matter of fairness to all concerned The Evening World wishes to correct an error with reference to the divorce proceedings which appeared in The Evening World of Sept. 25. A report sent out on that date by a news association to several New York City newspapers told of the appointment of former Surrogate William A. Sawyer of White Plains as referee to take testimony in the case, and stated that Mr. Kraft in his complaint alleged misconduct on the part

of his wife, on various dates and at various places. The report further stated that in reply to these charges, and in her own defense, Mrs. Kraft claimed that on one of the dates covered by her husband's complaint, she had been at the Hotel Cumberland in New York with Mrs. Violet Folger.

By a typographical error of one letter, The Evening World in publishing the news association report of Sept. 25 made it appear that Mr. Kraft and not Mrs. Kraft was reported as being at the Hotel Cumberland with Mrs. Folger on the date in question.

The fact is that Mr. Kraft was never with Mrs. Folger at the Hotel Cumberland, or at any other place. Mrs. Folger is an actress well known in theatrical circles and was a friend of Mrs. Kraft. There was nothing in the legal proceedings that in any way reflected upon her reputation, or that linked her name with that of Mr. Kraft. No counter charges were

made by Mrs. Kraft against her husband.

The Kraft family has been prominent in Westchester County for three generations. Frederick William Kraft, grandfather of William D. Kraft, founded the tanning business in Bronxville, which is now known as the F. W. Kraft Sons Company. Grandfather Frederick William Kraft died on Sept. 3, 1916, leaving a wife and two sons, John and William F. Kraft. The former is the father of William D. Kraft, who is a part owner in the tanning company.

ARE TOWELS COMMON IF THEY ARE LINEN?

Pennsylvania Innkeeper Indignant Over Law.

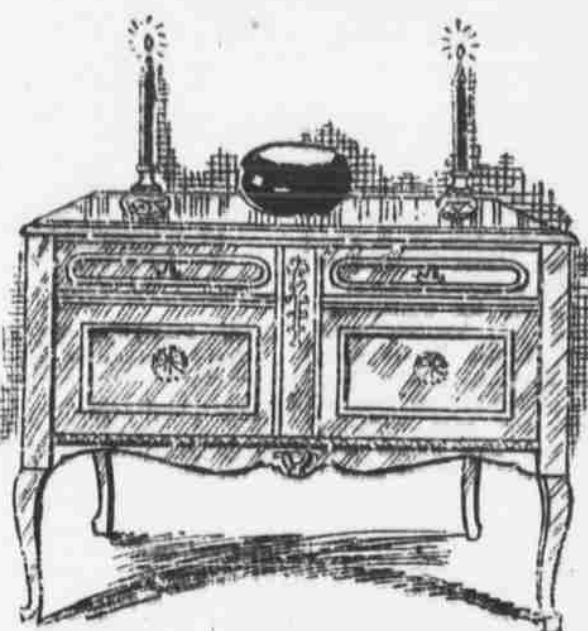
HARRISBURG, Dec. 8.—A strange interpretation of the State law prohibiting the use of the "common towel" in public places has been received by state health officials from a hotel proprietor in a small town. A formal no-

tice was served on him that he must discontinue use of a "common towel." In an indignant protest he replied that he did not "use common towels, but had his wife make a special trip to Philadelphia to purchase linen ones."

State health officials have notified him to discontinue the "common towel," even if it is linen.

4500 FIRE IN MAIL CAR.
Four bags of parcel post mail were damaged by fire this morning on a train bound for White Plains from the Grand Central Station. The loss is said to be about \$200. Defective wiring in the mail car is believed to have started the fire, which was discovered as the train reached Fordham Station.

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